

Application No. 09/258,600
Amendment dated June 9, 2006
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REMARKS

Claims 44-102, and 109 are pending and under examination. Claims 63-66, 77-93, and 100 are rejected, claims 47, 67, 68, 94, 95, 98, 99, 101 and 109 are allowed, and claims 44-46, 48-62, 69-76, 96, 97, and 102 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Double-Patenting Rejection

Claims 63-66, 77-93, and 100 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 17, 18, 19 of U.S. Patent No. 5,789,184. Applicants file concurrently herewith the appropriate terminal disclaimer, thereby obviating the obviousness-type double patenting rejection as to U.S. Patent 5,789,184. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection.

Objection to Claims

Claims 44-46, 48-62, 69-76, 96, 97, and 102 are objected to as being dependent upon claim 100, which was rejected. This objection is rendered moot by the filing herewith of a terminal disclaimer, which places claim 100 in condition for allowance.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants believe the pending application with claims 44-102 and 109 is in condition for allowance.

Applicants believe that no fee is due to consider the present Remarks. Nevertheless, the Director is hereby authorized to charge or credit any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 04-1105.

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